

John B. King, Jr. is the Acting Secretary of Education, a position he assumed in January 2016. Before becoming Acting Secretary, Dr. King had served since January 2015 at the Department as Principal Senior Advisor. In that role, Dr. King carried out the duties of the Deputy Secretary, overseeing all preschool-through-12th-grade education policies, programs and strategic initiatives, as well as the operations of the Department. Dr. King carried out this work with a focus on increasing equity, improving educational outcomes for all students, and closing achievement gaps through implementation of key Administration priorities in areas including early learning, elementary and secondary education, special education, English language acquisition, and innovation.

Prior to his arrival at the Department, Dr. King had served since 2011 as the commissioner of education for the state of New York.